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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO NOBEL PRIZE FOR KISSINGER

THE RIGHTIST EXPRESS OCTOBER 19 CRITICIZED THE AWARDING OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE TO KISSINGER AND LE DUC THO, SAYING "IT MAKES US QUESTION THE NEED TO PRESERVE THIS INTERNATIONAL HONOR." MAINTAINING THAT EVEN MILITARY EXPERTS ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT HOW LONG THE "FALSE PEACE" IN VIETNAM WILL LAST, NOT TO MENTION THE CONTINUING UNREST IN THE REST OF INDOCHINA, EXPRESS ASKED: "THEN HOW CAN ONE SAY THAT KISSINGER AND THO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO 'INTERNATIONAL PEACE?'" BESIDES, THE PAPER ARGUED, IF THE TWO OF THEM DESERVE THE HONOR, WHY ISN'T IT ALSO CONFERRED ON THE SAIGON DELEGATE, WITHOUT WHOSE SIGNATURE THE PARIS AGREEMENT COULD NOT HAVE COME INTO BEING? EXPRESS FURTHER ASKED WHAT THE NOBEL PRIZE FOUNDATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AWARD WOULD DO WHEN HANOI FOUND THE TIME RIPE FOR RESUMING ITS "WAR OF LIBERATION" AND THO PROVED TO HAVE NO POWER TO STOP IT. THE PAPER CONCLUDED: "PEACE, PEACE, HOW MUCH EVIL IS PERPETRATED IN THEY NAME IN THIS WORLD? -- IS THIS PERHAPS THE MOST FITTING FOOTNOTE TO THIS YEAR'S NOBEL PEACE PRIZE?"

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